

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 259**

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TO:	The Honorable Michael L. Fair, Chairman, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Fair	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	24-13-210
SUBJECT:	Early Release Bill		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 259 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by requiring the Department of Corrections to develop policies and procedures to allow certain prisoners to receive a reduction in their sentences as well as revise the maximum amount of time that may be reduced from a sentence. The Bill would also exempt certain architectural drawings or schematics or law enforcement policies from Freedom of Information Requests, if the disclosure of the information could reasonably be used to facilitate an escape for custody.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Corrections indicates there would be a reduction in expenditures of approximately \$120,000 annually with the enactment of this Bill. The agency estimates that 40 inmates per year would see a reduction in their sentences. (\$3,000 per year per inmate)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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